



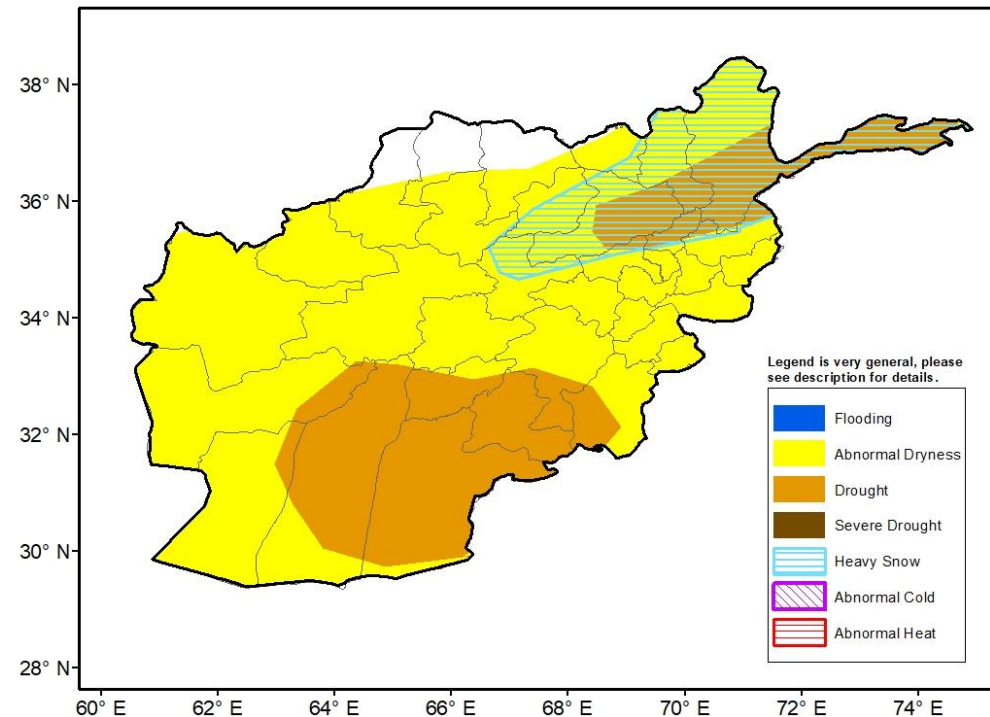
## Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook March 18 – March 24, 2021

### Temperatures:

Temperatures averaged above normal during the past week across southern and eastern Afghanistan. A short period of colder than normal temperatures occurred in the northwest, while the maximum temperatures of the week warmed above 25°C across the lower elevations of western and southern regions. For the outlook period, temperatures are expected to generally be near or warmer than average across the country. Minimum temperatures are likely to be more anomalously above average. Maximum temperatures may exceed 30°C in the lower elevations of western and southern Afghanistan.

### Precipitation:

Last week, widespread rain and high-elevation snow (locally more than 25mm, liquid Equivalent) fell throughout Afghanistan. The precipitation during March continues to support a decrease in the coverage of drought. The drought hazard is based on RFE satellite estimates of 90-day precipitation deficits and snow water equivalent anomalies. During the outlook period, additional rain and high-elevation snow (5 to 50 mm, liquid equivalent) are forecast for much of Afghanistan. A heavy snow hazard is posted for the northeast mountains. There is also an increased risk of flash flooding across central and northeast Afghanistan due to locally heavy rainfall and snowmelt.



**Note:** The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.

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